First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

March 19, 2023
10:00 am
Fourth Sunday in Lent
One Great Hour of Sharing

"Restored"

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE — *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud — **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"
By, Frederick Atkinson

WELCOME — **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — **PASTOR LIZ**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader is Kiki Fugate
  - The Zoom Greeter is Dan Kidder-McQuown who will introduce folks participating in worship on Zoom.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Center of My Joy"
72 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive with microphone muted — **KIKI FUGATE**

Leader: Kindred of God, a new vision of leadership is called forth.
God calls upon the least likely, the unheard of,
and the humble of heart to assemble and receive anointing.

**People: In peace, we anoint the forgotten, the youngest, smallest,
and unlikeliest of siblings whom God has raised up to serve.**

Leader: Though the call may involve risk and danger,
we are called to live unwavering love.

People: In peace, we anoint the disinherited and dismissed.

All: Let us open our hearts to God this day. Amen.

HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
547 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Psalm 23** **KIKI FUGATE**
Ephesians 5:8-14

SECOND READING **John 9:1-41** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"There Are Some Things I May Not Know"
405 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Restored"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

God of surprises, we know that we do not often perceive the world as you do.
We look to the flashy fame, the grand gestures,
optimal achievements, and unreachable standards.
Yet, in spite of our misguided reach towards perfection,
you give us glimpses of your grandeur and grace.
Surprise us yet again this day, O God,
that in our complacency which allows us to drift towards the
same old ways of faith, we may be transformed anew.
Provide us with a new cup of oil so we may be anointed by your love.
And set out into your world to bless and anoint others.
In the name of the One whose love and peace makes all things new we pray.
Amen.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **PASTOR LIZ**

Today with our morning offering, we are also receiving gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing**

It is not the outward appearance or size of the gifts we have to share that matters to God, it is the loving generosity of our hearts that is closest to the heart of God. We are invited to give this day out of the abundance of our lives, no matter the size of the gift. God knows our hearts.

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Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offeringplace on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Give Thanks"** By, Henry Smith [Composer] **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v,2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **KIKI FUGATE**

Generous God, you remind us,
you "anoint our heads with oil" and our "cup overflows" with your abundance.
We do not take for granted all you provide.
Take these gifts and use them for the healing and
tender care of your hurting world.
May your cup of love overflow and abide with the hurting and heartbroken,
forgotten and despised, so we may all be made whole.
Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted Standing or seated optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Jesus the Christ Says"
48 NCH

BENEDICTION **PASTOR LIZ**

Kindred, set out from this place not to anoint power, prestige, and the outer appearances of grandiosity. Rather, set out from this place to anoint healing, renewal, and raise up those unexpected places and people God has set apart for the transformation of the world. Open yourselves to the surprising and unexpected movements of the Holy Spirit. Around the corner of every assumption we carry, and every community we live in, is a small shepherd among us waiting to lead with God's help.
Go forth in peace to lead, to love, and be renewed by God. Amen.

POSTLUDE Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
By, Oliver Holden

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Hybrid Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID, Member-in-Discernment
Kiki Fugate, Worship Leader
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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- **Cover Art:** Miriam G in *Unsplash*
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- **Hymn Profiles:** *The New Century Hymnal Companion,* Pilgrim Press, 1999

"Jesus the Christ Says"*,* the closing hymn: This anonymous text uses the "***I am***" sayings of Jesus as found in John's Gospel. One of the first 20th-century hymnals to include it was *New Church Praise* (1975), which credits Dermott Monahan (1906-1957) as translator from Urdu. This tune, YISU NE KAHA, by an unknown composer comes from Pakistan or northern India and is believed to be an Urdu melody. YISU NE KAHA translated it means "*Jesus says"* in Urdu. Although Urdu is the official language of Pakistan, it is the primary language of only 10% of the population.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Jeanette Sherrill shares her personal vision statement:

I strive to be… WOKE
Wise
Open minded
Knowledgeable
Ethical

Thank you, Jeanette, for sharing your faith with all of us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108.

Worship Next Week: **Worship Leader, Donna Eyster; Greeters, Kiki Fugate (**Roomie) and **Ellie Gusman** (Zoomie). We also have a very special guest preacher next week, **Rev. Antionette Brown.** She will share some of her journey to become the 1st woman ordained in a Christian church. This is truly a special treat . . . Don't miss it!!!

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)- It's time to share. **Today we receive our OGHS gifts.**

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.

Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment. Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place

Running from Empty-Lenten Devotionals 2023 by the writers of *Still Speaking Writers Group* continue to be available in either print or digital form. Print copies are on the table at the back of the sanctuary and a digital link is available by contacting

Margaret Harner at margaretsharner@gmail.com

Weekly Ypsi UCC Community Discernment Gatherings meet on Mondays at 7:00 pm on the church Zoom. Our next meeting is on March 20 at 7:00 pm. We are currently working on our rough draft Mission and Vision statements**.** We will continue this work on March 20 and begin our Appreciative Inquiry process to support the identification of our Core Values and Guiding Principles. **Our last Community Discernment Gathering will be held on Monday, April 3.**

"Engaging Christian Contemplation Practices" Vitality Grant seminar continues to meet bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm through the UCC Southern New England Conference Center for Leadership Development. **The last gathering is on March 29.** We continue to learn and practice new ways to relax into God's presence while trusting the Spirit to guide us in discerning God's Still Speaking voice as seek to serve as "Contemplatives in Action."

The Worship Team will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 10. The remaining 2023 Worship Team Meeting dates are May 8, June 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sept 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, and Dec 11.

Update on our Faith Community Friends-

Patrick O'Brien is out of COVID isolation and continues to reside at Regency at Canton. He appreciates visits, cards & phone calls. His room is #134 (Bed 2), telephone 734-355-9076: address – 45900 Geddes Rd., Canton, MI 48188

Chris Hale has returned home following her recent hospitalization to continue her recovery. Providing some meals for Chris would be helpful. Pastor Liz set up a ***Take Them a Meal*** opportunity for us to meet this need. The link is https://takethemameal.com/ASQB6340
If you prefer to prepare a meal, please include it on the calendar found in the link so others can plan accordingly**. Marty Kleino**, Congregational Coordinator, is willing to deliver meals. Marty and reached at 734-262-1419 or Mgkleino@gmail.com.

Ron Horvath is home and recovering from his recent surgery. Additional treatment is likely.

Please keep Patrick, Chris and Ron in your prayers.

Holy Grounds Ministry is expanding to include **"Tea for the Soul"** which has begun for night staff at Trinity Health Ann Arbor (St. Joe's). Chaplain Dan Kidder-McQuown will be serving hot tea and snacks on different units in addition to good coffee.

Below are the items we will be needed (through June) and identified by Dan:

- Loose leaf tea from local shops, i.e., black teas, green teas, and herbal (no caffeine) teas.
- Individual large tea filters, usually sold in 100 count packages.
- Local roasted coffee
- Snacks that go well with tea

Women's History Month: *Sojourners* magazine annually *highlights women whose work who has inspired their visions for a more just world — and church.* Sojourners mission *is to inspire hope and action by articulating the biblical call to racial and social justice, life and peace, and environmental stewardship.* Coming from diverse backgrounds, the women selected this year are all united by their commitment to tell radical, inclusive stories and their belief that shaping the church and world starts in one's own community. They were asked ***Why is the work you do so important right now?*** Here are excerpts from their answers. ***Sojourners, Apil 2023, Vol.52, No.3***

Beth Allison Barr is a medieval historian, specializing in women's history and church history; author of ***The Making of Biblical Womanhood: How the Subjugation of Women Became Gospel Truth***.

Current events have made the fruit of Christian patriarchy so clear — from the Southern Baptist Convention sex abuse scandal and subsequent disfellowshipping of churches with female pastors to the continued sexual objectification of women by megachurch pastors to even The Gospel Coalition endorsing a sexual ethic of male power over female bodies. As I argued in my book, historical ignorance helped pave the way for evangelicals to embrace these dangerous ideas about women. I further contend that a lack of understanding about the broader cultural impact of these evangelical beliefs contributes to the continuation of oppressive structures even outside of the church. My work thus shows how historical amnesia comes at great cost for not only evangelical women but also for human dignity.

Rev. Jennifer Butler founded Faith in Public Life to amplify progressive faith voices and forge multi-faith, multiracial, and ideologically diverse faith coalitions to work for justice and the common good; author of ***Who Stole my Bible? Reclaiming Scripture as a Handbook for Resisting Tyranny*** (2020), which makes a biblical case for multi-faith, multiracial democracy in the face of rising white Christian nationalism and authoritarianism. . Stay updated on her work at **RevJenButler.com** or follow her on Twitter or Instagram @RevJenButler or on Facebook at @RevJenniferButler.

Religious nationalism is resurging around the globe, hijacking faith to legitimize autocratic rule and undermine human rights. In the U.S., white Christian nationalism and QAnon — legitimized by a number of

elected leaders — have captured the hearts and minds of many Americans. I'm working to equip faith leaders to reclaim our sacred texts hijacked by ethnonationalists, so that we can make a visionary case for democracy — the system of government that embraces the scriptural vision of dignity for all. Together, our voices can help lead people away from ideologies that exploit fear and insecurity to exclude people based on race, class, gender, orientation, or creed.

Rev. Dr. Yvonne V. Delk was part of the 1962 Freedom Rides on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the first Black woman to be ordained in the United Church of Christ. She has worked internationally as moderator of the World Council of Churches' Program to Combat Racism and is the founding director of the Center for African American Theological Studies (CAATS). For 60 years Rev. Delk has served as an educator, preacher, organizer, and a prophetic voice leading the fight for human and civil rights for people of color, children, and the poor throughout five continents.

I am Elder Mother Yvonne Virginia Delk. In my 84th year as a pastor, activist, storyteller, mentor, and spirit guide, I am retelling the United Church of Christ's "origin story" through the publication of my first book, ***Afro-Christian Convention: The Fifth Stream of the United Church of Christ***. Based on the lived history and research of my team of contributors, our denomination has voted to affirm its Afro-Christian origins, shifting us from a European-originated denomination to an African-originated denomination. Amid America's current period of regressive Afro-phobia, white supremacy, and attacks on how we interrogate the original sin of racism, I am telling the story of faith, courage, resistance, strategic foresight, and resilience that flow from the well of our African ancestors and African spirituality. Not only does this work meet our historical moment, but provides ongoing witness for younger generations who are embracing theological imagination and moral agency toward the beloved community of justice, love, liberation.

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis is author, activist, public theologian, and senior minister at Middle Collegiate Church in New York City. Author- ***Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule-Breaking Kindness That Can Heal the World***

It seems to me our nation is in a time of existential foment. Who do we want to be and what will we do to make it so, is an important question of identity and vision. In my work at Middle Church in New York, our incredibly diverse congregation is on a journey together in which we rehearse the world about which we dream. My preaching, teaching, writing, coaching, and visioning help set a path for us, in these swirling times, to model for each other what Beloved Community looks like.

Elaina Ramsey is the executive director of **Faith Choice Ohio**, which elevates the moral power of faith communities to advance reproductive health, rights, and justice. Elaina is currently pursuing ordination with the United Church of Christ and writing a book on evangelical/exvangelical support for abortion.

Across the South and Midwest, abortion care is completely banned or severely restricted due to an unholy alliance between the church and state. This remains not only a serious public health crisis but also a spiritual crisis that requires deep pastoral care. My faith calls me to provide compassionate and practical support to abortion seekers and to equip clergy and congregations to boldly advocate for abortion access. To provide healing and to witness against reproductive oppression, coercion, and forced birth in the name of God. It's hard and grueling work, but more sacred than ever.

Olga Marina Segura is a freelance writer, reporter, and author of ***Birth of A Movement: Black Lives Matter and the Catholic Church***. She is the founder of **Bronx Frontlines**, a weekly newsletter exploring Dominican identity and displacement.

My work, and the work of many Black women, is so important right now because Black women are the ones who continue to tell the most authentic histories and stories about faith life in the United States and the rest of the Americas. Black women, especially queer and trans, continue to be at the frontlines of all anti-racist efforts in and outside church spaces. I am grounded in the history of the Black women who came before and after me, and I will continue to use my voice and writing for anti-racist liberation work.

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

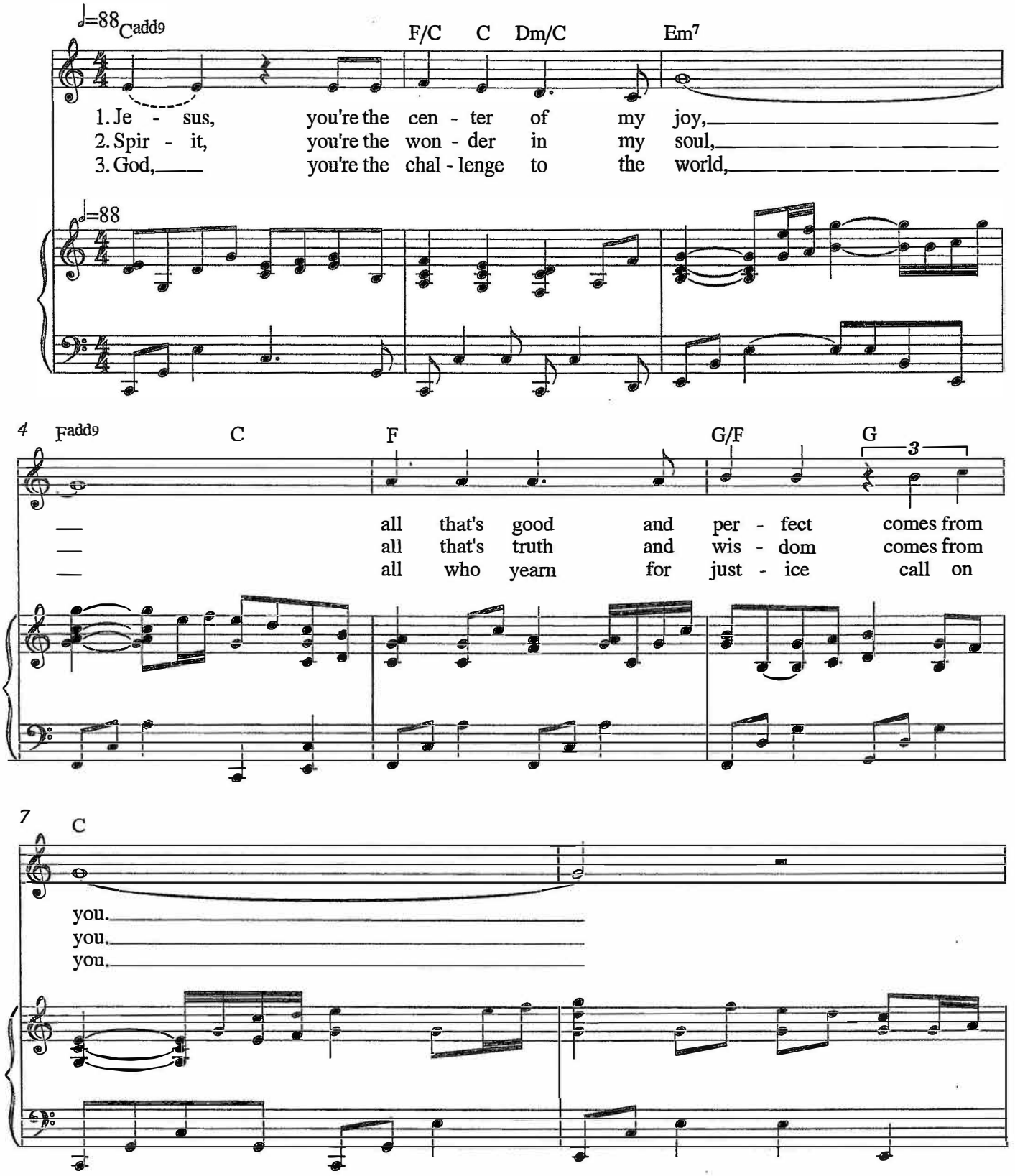
WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Center of My Joy

♩=88 Cadd9
F/C C Dm/C Em7
1. Je - sus, you're the cen - ter of my joy,
2. Spir - it, you're the won - der in my soul,
3. God, you're the chal - lenge to the world,
♩=88
4 Fadd9 C F G/F G
all that's good and per - fect comes from
all that's truth and wis - dom comes from
all who yearn for just - ice call on
7 C
you.
you.
you.

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9 Gm C7

You're the heart of my con - tent - ment,
You're the One who stirs me for - ward,
You're the light that seeks the na - tions,

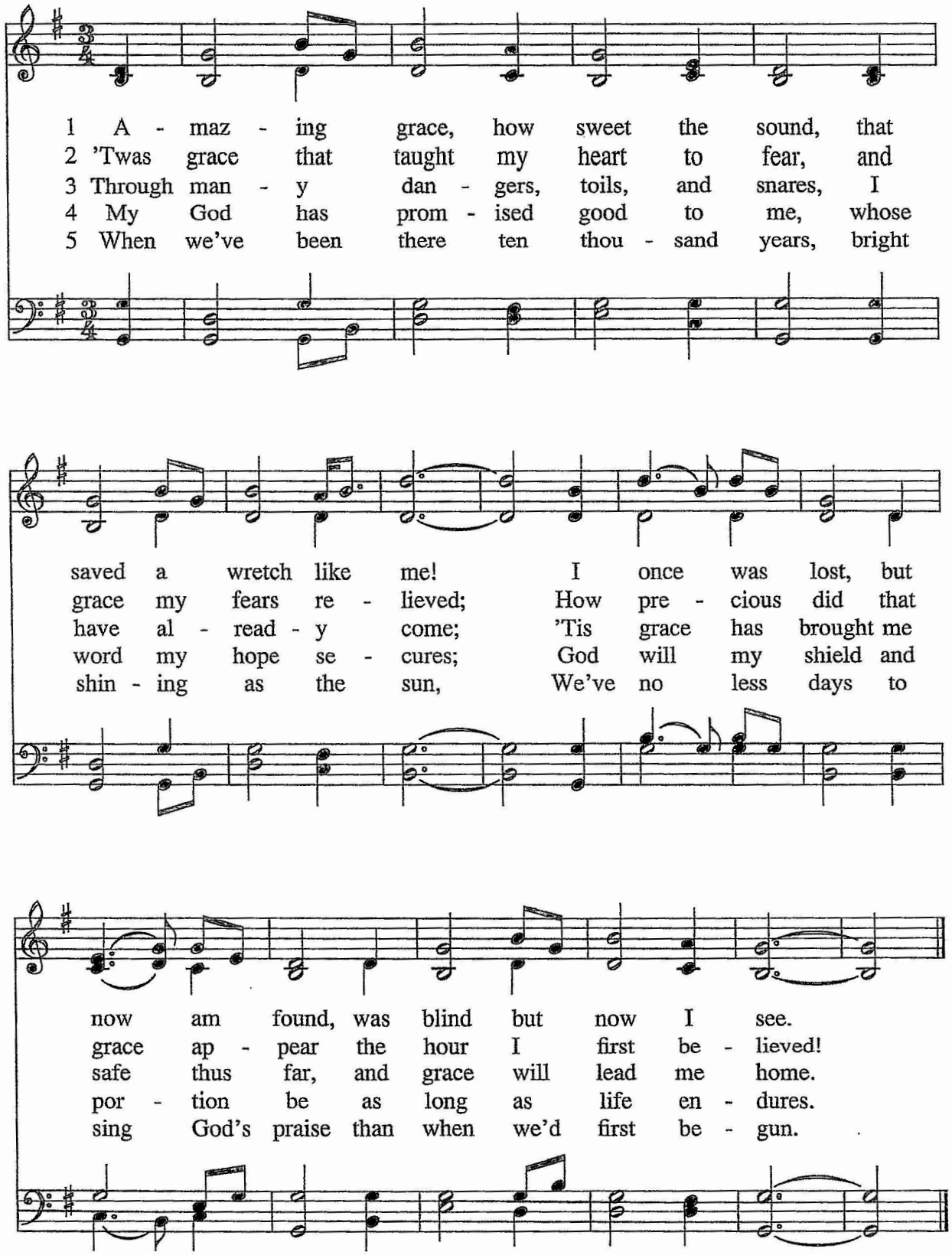
11 F B♭9

hope for all I do,
mys - ter - y of God.
moves them to your Word.

13 C/G Am Dm7 F/G C

Je - sus, you're the cen - ter of my joy.
Spir - it, you're the won - der of my soul.
God, you're the chal - lenge to the world.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 547

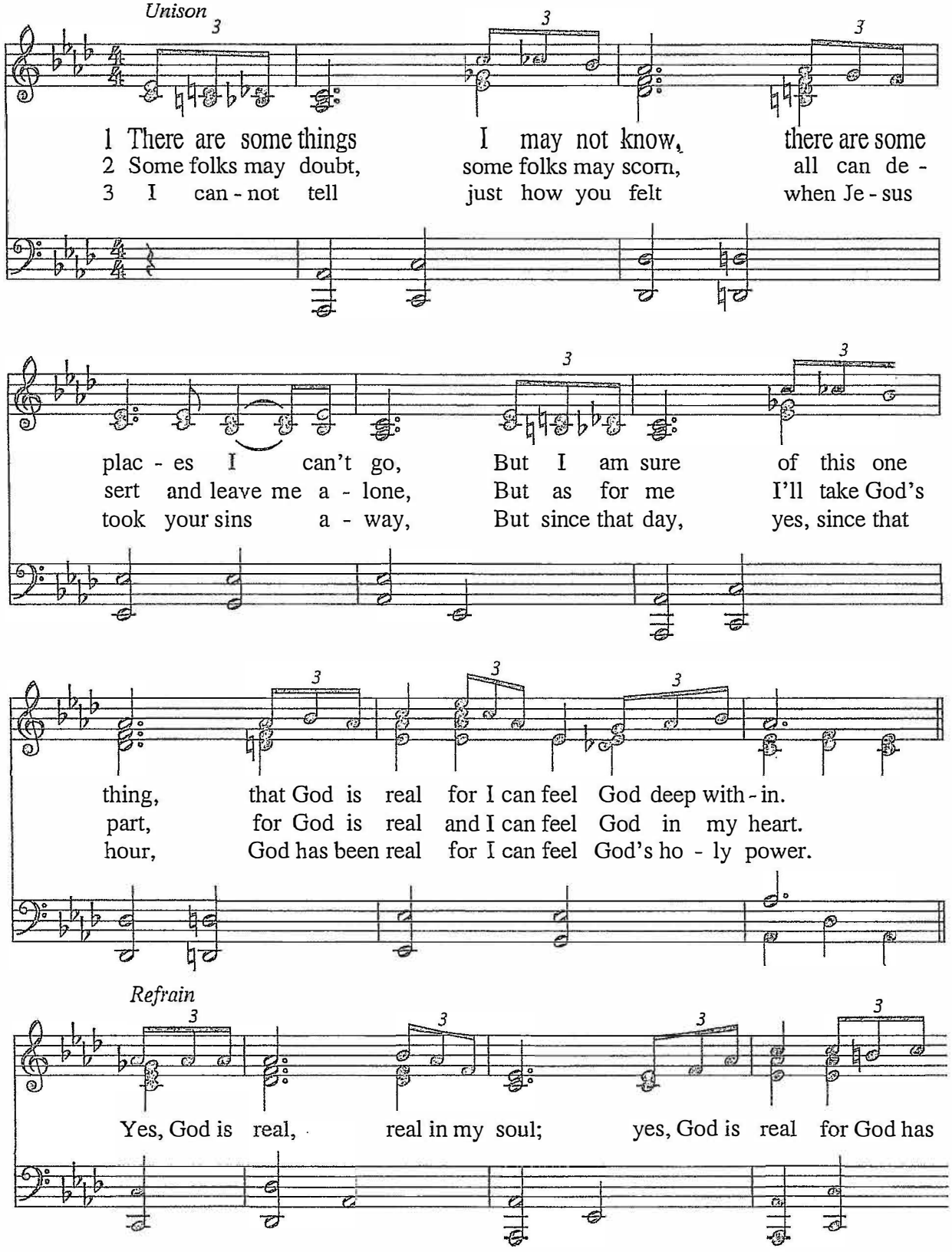
St. 1–4, John Newton, 1779; alt.
St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, *1790*

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 My God has prom - ised good to me, whose
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to
now am found, was blind but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

John Newton's autobiographical hymn reflects his conversion from his earlier existence as a slave trader. While serving as curate in the English village of Olney, Newton met William Cowper, and together they published Olney Hymns, *which included this hymn.*

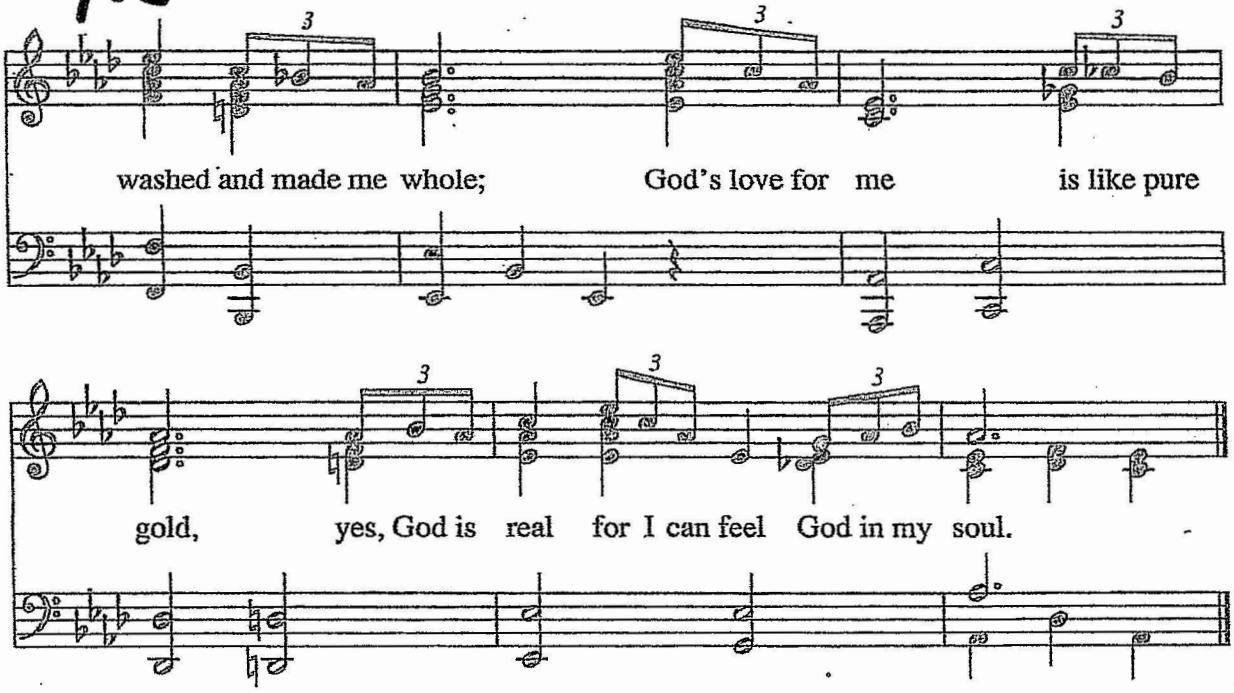
Tune: AMAZING GRACE C.M.
(NEW BRITAIN)
Columbia Harmony, *Cincinnati, 1829*
Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

405 There Are Some Things I May Not Know

(Yes, God Is Real)

Kenneth Morris, 1942; alt.

Unison
1 There are some things I may not know, there are some
2 Some folks may doubt, some folks may scorn, all can de -
3 I can - not tell just how you felt when Je - sus
plac - es I can't go, But I am sure of this one
sert and leave me a - lone, But as for me I'll take God's
took your sins a - way, But since that day, yes, since that
thing, that God is real for I can feel God deep with - in.
part, for God is real and I can feel God in my heart.
hour, God has been real for I can feel God's ho - ly power.
Refrain
Yes, God is real, real in my soul; yes, God is real for God has

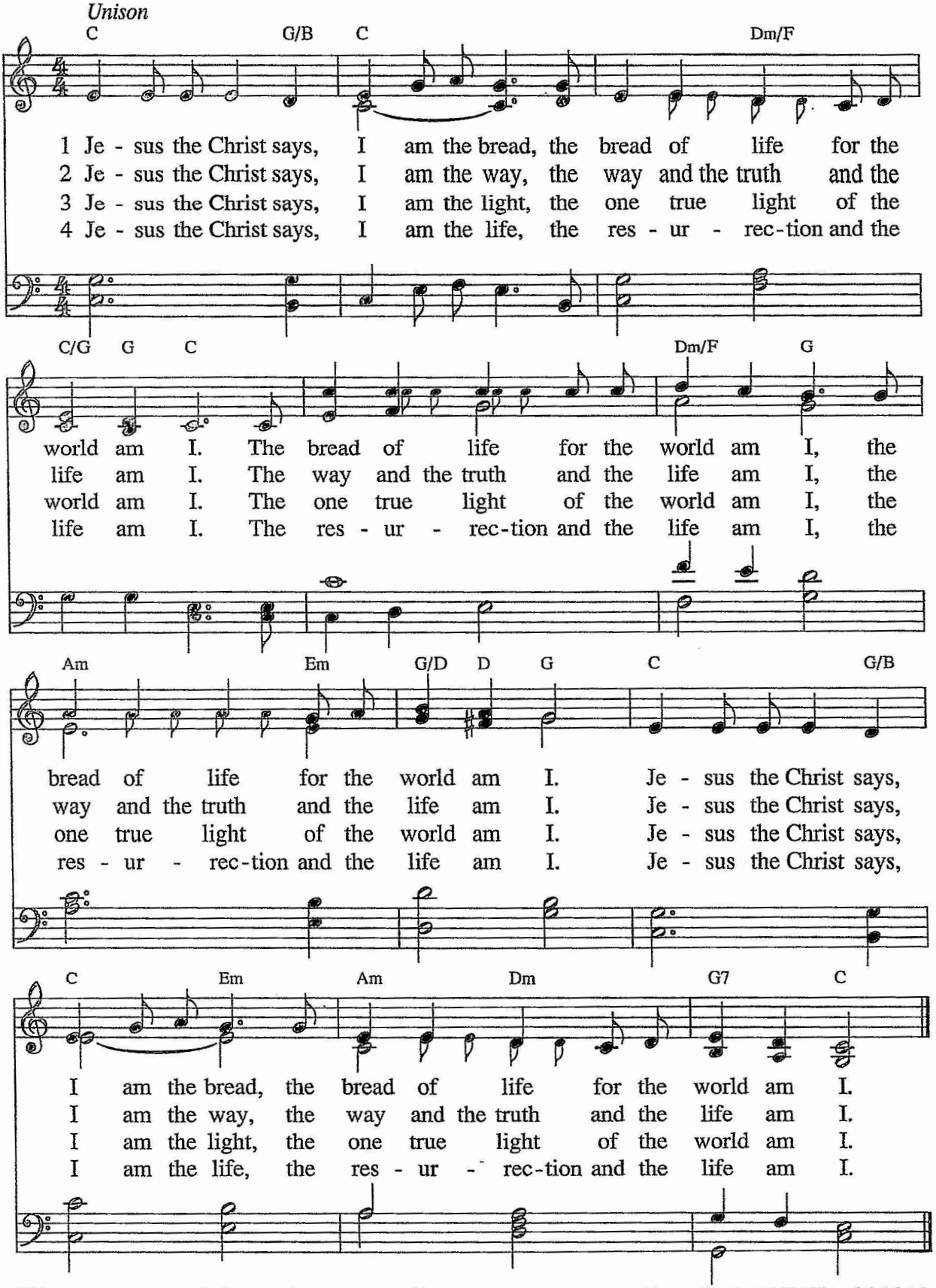
This gospel song by Kenneth Morris is considered his most successful composition. It has become a standard in many African-American churches, and has been translated into twenty-four languages. Morris is also known for his musical arrangements, which number more than 3,000.

Tune: YES, GOD IS REAL 8.8.8.12. with refrain
Kenneth Morris, 1942

washed and made me whole; God's love for me is like pure
gold, yes, God is real for I can feel God in my soul.

48 Jesus the Christ Says

John 6:48; 14:6; 11:25; 8:12; 9:5

Urdu, anon.; alt.

Unison

C G/B C Dm/F
1 Je - sus the Christ says, I am the bread, the bread of life for the
2 Je - sus the Christ says, I am the way, the way and the truth and the
3 Je - sus the Christ says, I am the light, the one true light of the
4 Je - sus the Christ says, I am the life, the res - ur - rec-tion and the
C/G G C Dm/F G
world am I. The bread of life for the world am I, the
life am I. The way and the truth and the life am I, the
world am I. The one true light of the world am I, the
life am I. The res - ur - rec-tion and the life am I, the
Am Em G/D D G C G/B
bread of life for the world am I. Je - sus the Christ says,
way and the truth and the life am I. Je - sus the Christ says,
one true light of the world am I. Je - sus the Christ says,
res - ur - rec-tion and the life am I. Je - sus the Christ says,
C Em Am Dm G7 C
I am the bread, the bread of life for the world am I.
I am the way, the way and the truth and the life am I.
I am the light, the one true light of the world am I.
I am the life, the res - ur - rec-tion and the life am I.

This anonymous hymn, both text and tune, originated in Pakistan or northern India and has been sung around the world since its publication by the East Asia Christian Council and the World Council of Churches.

Tune: YISU NE KAHA 9.9.9.9.9.9.
Urdu melody
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